

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

FACT, NEWS, AND GOSSIP.

Thurman and Cleveland-Personal News from the Senate and House of Representatives.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, February 11.—A local Republican said this morning: "Well, Pendleton won't accept the English mission," said I. "Oh, no," he replied. "Then, why not? He is an accomplished gentleman, of large fortune and high social position—qualities very essential," I added, "for a residence in London or Paris." "He says," he replied, "that he is the father of civil-service reform, and it would violate the spirit of his civil-service bill; for Mr. Lowell is removed for cause he should be succeeded by the first Secretary of Legation, who is a trained diplomatist." I remarked, "Civil service only applies to small officials." "Yes," said he, "to clerks and messengers, who are required to know who was the great-grandfather of the False Prophet, the depth of the Black Sea, the year Queen Catherine of Russia fell in love with Count Olenoski, and the distance from Cape Charles to Little Egg Harbor." He here asked me for a chew of fine-cut and went into the House as the returns from Nebraska were being announced.

JUDGE THURMAN AND MR. CLEVELAND.

It will be remembered that Mr. Randall went to New York with a committee to extend an invitation to the President-elect to attend the reception of the American Club of that city, composed of prominent Democrats. The reception takes place on the 16th. I now hear that Judge Thurman, of Ohio, will also attend, and that he and Mr. Cleveland will meet. The citizens of Ohio here see in this a good deal, and think it will result in Thurman going into the Cabinet.

PERSONAL NEWS ITEMS.

General Fitz Lee was at the Capitol to-day. The friends of ex-Mayor Courtland Smith, of Alexandria, say he will be made Marshal of the District of Columbia. He has a strong feeling for the first-class Cabinet-maker says if Bayard is not Secretary of State Lamar will be; that Garland, beyond any question, will be Attorney-General; that either Whitney Manning or Hewitt will be Secretary of the Treasury, and that if Vilas goes into the Cabinet he will be Secretary of War. Mr. Blackburn resigned again to-day in consequence of the continued illness of Speaker Carlisle. Mr. Randall was so hoarse to-day that he could scarcely be heard in the House. James R. Randall, editor of the Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle, will visit Richmond on the 17th to attend a wedding. Mr. Clay, whose resolution to appoint a committee of two Representatives and one Senator to visit the President and Vice-President-elect and inform them of their election was adopted by the House, is a Kentuckian, and a kin to Henry Clay. Attorney Miller was the member of the Supreme Court present when the electoral vote was counted to-day. Secretary Teller alone of the members of the Cabinet was present. Major Elder, of Staunton, is here en route home from New York. The Texas people want ex-Governor Hubbard in the Cabinet.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS.

The returned Arctic explorers continue to abuse each other, though the papers and a great many people wish they had eaten each other up. *Apraxia*, the thermometer early this morning indicated 3 degrees above zero. A leading member of the House said to me to-day that if the Republicans forced an extra session it would not be called until summer. The mails were all behind hand to-day. The Inauguration Committee have arranged for decorating the streets through which the procession will pass. It seems to be more active than the committee of four years ago. A New York gentleman told me to-day that Hon. John Goode was one of the best talkers that has visited Mr. Cleveland. The papers here and farther North persist in calling Major Daniel "Major Daniels."

THE HOTELS AND MERCHANTS ARE PLEASED AT THE RUMOR THAT THERE WILL BE AN EXTRA SESSION. A SENATOR PREDICTS THAT THE EXTRA SESSION OF THAT BODY FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF MR. CLEVELAND'S NOMINATION WILL LAST MONTH.

Government receipts to-day: Internal revenue, \$115,095; customs, \$183,593. The Brooklyn people ask that the appropriation for their post-office building be increased from \$800,000 to \$1,500,000.

XLVIII CONGRESS.

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SENATE.

The army appropriation bill was reported and placed on the calendar. At five minutes before 12 o'clock a message was received announcing that the House of Representatives would at 12 o'clock be ready to receive the Senate, in order that the joint convention of both houses may count the electoral vote.

The Chair announced that the concurrent resolution providing for a joint convention would now be executed; and at 1:57 the senators, headed by the President *pro tempore* and the Secretary of the Senate, and preceded by the Sergeant-at-Arms, proceeded to the House of Representatives.

At 1:25 P. M. the senators returned to the Senate chamber, and the President *pro tempore* of the body having resumed the chair, the tellers on the part of the Senate—Messrs. Hoar and Pendleton—appeared, and on their behalf Mr. Hoar announced the result of the electoral count. When the tellers' report was completed, the President of the Senate repeated *verbatim* the closing sentence of the announcement by him in the House of Representatives relating to the declaration of the vote.

That sentence was as follows: "And the President of the Senate makes this declaration only as a public statement, in the presence of the two houses of Congress, of the contents of the papers opened and read on this occasion, and not as possessing any authority in law to declare any legal conclusion whatever."

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LATE WEATHER REPORT.

(Special telegram to the Dispatch.)

WASHINGTON, February 12.—A. M.—For the Middle Atlantic States, generally fair weather, slowly rising temperature, variable winds, generally from south to west, lower barometer.

For the South Atlantic States, warmer, fair weather, light, variable winds, lower barometer.

The weather in Richmond yesterday was clear and cold.

At Blanton's dairy-farm, Henrico, 6 A. M., 2 degrees below zero. At other places in the country 5 degrees above zero in sheltered places. In some portions of the city, northern exposures, 7 degrees above zero.

Range of Thermometer Yesterday.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

6 A. M. 10

9 A. M. 16

Noon 31

3 P. M. 29

6 P. M. 27

Midnight 21

Mean temperature 22½

The Farmers' Congress at New Orleans.

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A resolution on the Blair educational bill, and urging on Congress the advisability of passing it, called forth considerable discussion on the manner of the division of the amount between the North and South, which resulted in its return to the Committee on Resolutions for further action.

Papers were read on the Improvement of Poor Lands, by J. B. Wilson, of Georgia; the Relation of Capital and Labor to Taxation, by Robert Gates, of Tennessee; and the Importance of the National Department of Agriculture, by M. G. Ellinger.

Steamship and Railway Men in Council.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

CHATTANOOGA, February 11.—The Southern Steamship and Railway Association met here to-day. An organization was effected late this evening. All the leading southern trunk lines are represented. The object of the meeting is to endeavor to adjust southern freight-rates, which have been very much demoralized for several months.

It is the prevailing opinion that rates will be reduced. No action was taken on the subject to-day. The Association will remain in session to-morrow.

Perished in the Flames.

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CONCORD, Ohio, February 11.—A house occupied by the family of Hiram Atkins was burned here yesterday, and to-day Atkins and two children were found burned to death. Atkins was an old and helpless invalid and his young wife left with a man represented as brother a few hours after the fire.

ST. LOUIS, February 11.—A small detached building belonging to the county poor-house, three miles west of Monticello, Ill., was burned some time during Monday night, and three domestic workers, the only occupants of the building, perished in the flames.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., February 11.